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Joseph, et al.

Serial No. 09/760,434

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For: System and Method for Switching Security  
AssociationsBefore the Examiner:  
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Group Art Unit: 2131

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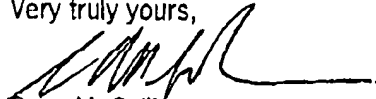
This letter is a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$1,020.00, which we believe was incorrectly charged to our account. Apparently, this charge appears to be a fee for a three month extension of time related to Patent Application Serial No. 09/760,434.

Enclosed is supporting paperwork which shows that we filed our Amendment and Response to Office Action in a timely manner for this patent application. The Office Action (copy attached) was mailed to our office on July 29, 2004, and our response was due on or before October 29, 2004. As you can see from the attached stamped return postcard and transmittal letter, we mailed out our Amendment and Response to Office Action on October 27, 2004, well within the three month time limit. Accordingly, no extension of time was necessary or sought by us.

Please credit our deposit account in the amount of \$1,020.00.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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Respectfully submitted.

Date: October 27, 2004

  
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Case No. 00,551

"System and Method for Switching Security Associations"

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- (2) Amendment and Response to Office Action.

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